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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO SINGAPORE MARCH 31. EMBOFF PETER MORRISSEY DESIGNATED CONTROL OFFICER TO COORDINATE AND ASSIST ALL CODEL ACTIVITIES DURING SINGAPORE STOPOVER.

2. TWO DOUBLES FOR CODEL USE AND CONTROL SUITE RESERVED AT SINGAPORE HILTON. TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS BEING FINALIZED TO INCLUDE CARS WITH DRIVERS AND ALSO POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF AIR-CONDITIONED BUS. EMBASSY CAR WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION. TENTATIVE BUDGET INFO FOR ALL EXPENSES WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPTTEL.

3. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT SINGAPORE, ALTHOUGH A MEMBER OF THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION, WILL NOT ATTEND SPRING IPU MEETING AT COLOMBO. EMBASSY BELIEVES THEREFORE THAT CODEL NEED NOT PAY ANY CALLS ON GOS OFFICIALS.

4. EMBASSY OFFERS FOLLOWING CHOICES OF TENTATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR CODEL'S DAY IN SINGAPORE AND REQUESTS CODEL ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP OF THOSE IT WOULD FIND MOST INTERESTING:

A. A COLORFUL HARBOR TOUR VIA LAUNCH PROVIDED BY THE PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE IS AVAILABLE FOR MAXIMUM OF 25 PERSONS. IF MORE DELEGATION MEMBERS INTERESTED, SMALLER DAO LAUNCH, WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 15 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE. SUGGEST BOX LUNCH DURING TOUR WHICH HILTON CAN PROVIDE. TOUR TAKES APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 - 2 HOURS.

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B. VISIT TO JURONG INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR BRIEFING AND TOUR OF INDUSTRIAL

COMPLEX CONTAINING OVER 500 PLANTS, AMONG THEM MANY US COMPANIES. GROUP COULD ALSO VIEW UNIQUE AND WORLD-FAMOUS JURONG BIRD PARK. SUGGEST LUNCHEON AT OUTDOOR RESTAURANT IN BIRD PARK. (2 - 2 1/2 HOURS).

C. VISIT TO SENTORS ISLAND, SITE OF GOVERNMENT PROJECT TO PROMOTE TOURISM. LOCATED SOUTH OF HARBOR AREA, TROPICAL ISLAND OF SENTOSA CAN BE REACHED BY CABLE CAR, OFFERING GOOD VIEW OF CITY AND HARBOR AREA. RETURN CAN BE VIA FERRY. APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 HOURS. THERE IS A GOOD RESTAURANT FOR LUNCH ON SENTOSA OR BOX LUNCH COULD BE PROVIDED

D. SHOPPING -- SEVERAL MODERN SHOPPING COMPLEXES ARE LOCATED NEAR HILTON HOTEL. IN ADDITION, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO SHOP IN AREAS WHERE SINGAPOREANS SHOP: PEOPLE'S PARK, GOLDEN MILE, ARAB STREET AND CHINATOWN ARE BUT A FEW. CRONK

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